ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Centennial Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Mt. Pleasant Church, Pike County, Ala.,

October 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1890.

OFFICERS.

ELDER J. O. HIXSON, Moderator.....Union Springs, Ala.
F. E. TOMPKINS, Clerk.....Fitzpatrick's, "
B. T. ELEY, Treasurer.....Union Springs, "

The next session will be held with Macedonia Church, Bullock County, Ala., commencing on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1891. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. M. Loflin; Doctrinal Sermon by Elder A. F. Dix.

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MINUTES.

The Centennial Association, in fifteenth annual session, convened with Mt. Pleasant church, near Linwood, Alabama, Thursday, September 25, 1890, at 11 a. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. D. I. Purser. Text, John 12:28.

Evening Session.

2 o'clock. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. J. O. Hixon, Sang "Work for the Night is Coming;" after which Eld. J. H. Foster led in prayer.

The letters from the churches were read by Elders John F. Purser and J. H. Foster, and the names of the delegates were enrolled as follows:

Aberfoil—Geo. Beverley, J. R King.
Fairview—Eld A. F. Dix, Daniel Dix.
Greenwood—W. C. Hufham, A. Hill, C. B. Moss, H. Seay.
Indian Creek—W. B. Phillips, Eld. Charles Crawley.
Liberty—James Bates, E. P. Salter. W. A. Powell, D. H. Barnett, T. M. Hough.
Macedonia—Eld. J. M. Loflin, J. C. Rotton, P. F. Rotton, D. A. Caylon, W. H. Cockcroft.
Midway—Wm. O'Neil, J. P. Downing.
Mt. Carmel—S. J. Rutland, D Shirley.
Mt. Zion—V. H. Tillery, L. T. Townsend, A. B. Clark, B. F. Darnell, T. J. Bates.
Mt. Pleasant—J. C. Griggs, J. S. Shirley, W. Davenport.
Perote—E. A. Brooks. A. H. Harden, J. S Harp.
Union Springs—Elders J. O Hixson, J. H. Foster, and C. P. West, J. W Raborn. F. J. Carlisle.
Siloam—S. J. Townsend, W. A. Battle, W. G. Bristow, F. P. Bledsoe, R. L. Justice.

On motion of Eld. C. Crawley, the rules were suspended and the present officers re-elected by acclamation, viz: Eld. J. O. Hixson, Moderator; F. E. Tompkins, Clerk, and B. T. Eley, Treasurer.

Ebenezer church, from Tuskegee Association, presented a letter for admittance into this body. The letter was read, the church received, and the name of the delegate, W. J. Hooks. was enrolled.

The names of correspondents enrolled were as follows:

Troy Association—Eld. Jno. F, Purser, who was also received as representative of the State Mission Board.

Salem Association—J. C. Moore, J. H. Tilley.

The names of visiting brethren were enrolled as follows: Eld. D. I. Purser, Financial Secretary of Howard College and Representative of Board of Ministerial Education.

The Moderator appointed the committee on Religious Exercises as follows: S. J. Townsend. and the pastor and delegates of this church.

Hours or meeting and adjourning adopted as follows: Meet at 9 a. m., and adjourn at 11 a. m.; meet at 2 p. m., and adjourn at option.

At the request of the Moderator, Eld. A. F. Dix offered special prayer for Eld. M. N. Eley.

On motion of S. J. Townsend, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That any member of a church of this Association, attending a session of any Association with which this Association corresponds, is authorized to represent this Association in that body.

On motion, the committee on Religious Exercises was authorized to appoint some one to preach the Missionary sermon at 11 a. m. Sunday.

The committee of Religious Exercises reported that Eld. Jno. F. Purser will preach at 11 a. m. to-morrow.

On motion of Eld. J. H. Foster, the following was adopted:

Whereas, We have a home series of Sunday-school literature, known as "Kind Words," owned and controlled by the Southern Baptist Convention, and published for the special benefit of the churches and Sunday-schools within its bounds; and,

Whereas, The Southern Baptist Convention, in its last session at Fort Worth, Texas, resolved, by an overwhelming vote, to foster and develop this home series; and,

Whereas, The American Baptist Publication Society, located at Philadelphia, is publishing a similar series of Sunday-school literature, and is pressing its patronage upon our Sunday-schools and churches to the detriment of our home series, and has now appointed a special agent to represent its interest; and,

Whereas, The appointment of such an agent ignores the expressed will of the Southern Baptist Convention, as it does also the existence and work of our local and State Boards, and is subversive of our peace and is working general confusion and detriment to our cause; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we discountenance such agency, and enter our solemn protest against this uncalled for, and, to us, disrespectful procedure of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Resolved, 2. That we earnestly recommend to the patronage of our churches and Sunday-schools our own home series of literature, "Kind Words"

After prayer by Eld. C. Crawley, the body adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, September 26, 1890.

9 a. m. Religious exercises were conducted by Eld. A. F. Dix.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

Elder Jno. F. Purser, who was appointed to preach to-day at 11 a. m., not being present, the committee on Religious Exercises appointed Eld. Geo. E. Brewer, who declined.

Eld. J. M. Kailin being present, his name was enrolled as agent for the Alabama Baptist.

Elders J. M. Kailin, A. F. Dix and D. I. Purser, and Wm. O'Neil, addressed the body in the interest of the Alabama Baptist.

The Moderator announced the following special committees:

Finance—A. F. Dix, C. P. West, W. H. Cockcroft.

Nominations—S. J. Townsend, J. C. Rotton, W. C. Hufham.

Auditing—J. W. Raborn, J. M. Loflin, S. J. Rutland.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of Foreign Missions claims no small consideration on the part of Christian people. The scripturalness of this work should not need to be emphasized among a Bible-reading people. God's commands are imperative: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." "Freely ye have received, freely give." The demands are pressing. The heathen

are dying without the gospel. "We are saved by faith." "Faith cometh by hearing." "How shall they preach unless they be sent."

There is little necessity of emphasizing the practicability of this work. The advancement made in the last few years is a guarantee of what can be accomplished. It is a work that is growing in spite of marked opposition to it on the part of some who ought to be its friends. There is a great demand in foreign fields for increase of forces. There are numbers of young men and women offering themselves to go, but they cannot be sent. If there is a demand among foreign nations; if there is a corresponding supply of young men answering to this demand, surely there is a supply of funds in Zion to meet the emergency. If this supply is not forthcoming "Sin lieth at our door." "Thy brother's blood crieth out to God against thee."

We call attention to the fact that Bro. McCollum and his self-sacrificing wife have gone from Alabama to Japan. Our aged missionary in China, Mrs. Crawford, is also from Alabama. Miss Mary Thornton, a godly young woman, has recently left our State for North China. Mrs. Mosley, of Mexico, is from Mobile. Alabama also has a claim upon Bro. McCormick, of Mexico, who at one time was a professor in Howard College.

Oh! that we might be as proud of the way in which we have come up to the support of our missionaries as we are of the way in which these missionaries have acquitted themselves in a foreign field! Let us make their names household words and their labors the burden of our prayers, backed by our liberal contributions.

J. H. Foster, Jr., Ch'n.

Committee on Religious Exercises report that Eld. D. I. Purser will preach at 11 o'clock to-day. The body adjourned for preaching. Eld. D. I. Purser preached. Text, 119th Psalm, v. 104.

EVENING SESSION.

2 o'clock. After singing and prayer by W. C. Hufham; the body proceeded to regular order of business.

C. P. West moved that the adoption, yesterday, of the resolutions in regard to the American Baptist Publication Society be reconsidered. After a lengthy and heated discussion, the motion was lost.

After prayer by Eld. George E. Brewer, the body adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

Saturday, Sept. 27, 1890.

9 A. M. After singing and prayer by S. J. Townsend, the body proceeded to regular order of business.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and report of committee on Temperance was called for. The report was read by the chairman, A. Hill, and adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

You may possibly think the subject of temperance a much used and much abused topic, but be not hasty in your decision. Its opposite, intemperance, has been, and is now, the most fatal and deadly scourge that ever swept over the fair face of this good earth, and in its path left more sorrow, tears, broken hearts, and withered, blighted and blasted hopes than war, pestilence or famine. It knows no cessation, no halt. Onward and ever forward march is its slogan; and in its insatiate thirst it holds the low-bred classes and the polished Chesterfield; with its remorseless and fatal grasp the plodding plowman and the brilliant man of letters; with the clutch of death it holds its victims till soul and body are lost in hell.

Then, don't think temperance a tale too often told. Do you think righteousness a theme too often told? Wherever righteousness is preached temperance is in sight, and refuses to be divorced. Prophets and preachers have talked it, and do talk it. The good preacher Paul, who, bound in chains, was brought before Felix and permitted to defend himself against the accusations of the Jews, forgot his chains in prison, and esteemed his life of so little importance that, instead of defending himself and telling what a good Jew he had been, reasoned with such earnestness and eloquence of "Righteousness, temperance and judgement to come," that Felix trembled. Before and since Paul's time every preacher of righteousness has also preached temperance. But this is a digression, which may not be allowed.

At the last session of this Association our good brother Moderator appointed me to report at this meeting such facts as could be learned as to the effects of the prohibition laws in Bullock county. The results of my investigation, I am pleased to state, have developed some truths, the knowledge of which will bring joy to all well-wishers of good government, but specially to Christians, who by word and act aided in effecting the reformation.

The first source of information consulted was the criminal docket of the county, which furnishes information of no uncertain significance. Prohibition went into effect December 1, 1886. The February and August terms of court that year recorded 65 true bills. The number of true bills found for the February and August terms of 1886 was 43, or 5 per cent in favor of prohibition. For the terms of February and August, 1885, 60 and 40, a total of 100, while for the year 1887 there were 44 true bills, or fraction over 127 per cent. For the year 1889 there were 40 true bills found, or 127 per cent.

UNION SPRINGS, ALA., Sept. 20, 1890.—Mr. Archibald Hill, Highlog, Ala.—Dear Sir: The following number of true bills were found at the following terms of the Circuit Court, viz: February term, 1884, 64; August term, 31. February term, 1885, 60; August term, 40 February term, 1886, 40; August term, 25. February term, 1887, 30; August term, 13. February term, 1888, 18; August term, 26. February term, 1889, 17; August term, 23 February term, 1890, 25; August term, 26.

Yours Very Respectfully,
A. H. PICKETT, Clerk Circuit Court.

The fine and forfeiture fund shows equally as favorable conditions.

Many citizens of the county, and the county's capital, have been interviewed, and, with only few exceptions, the acclaim has been that "prohibition does prohibit." All avow that the county has been vastly improved, morally and financially. One resident of the capital declared that he had not words to express his approval of prohibition laws. He said it was the greatest helping the county had ever experienced. He is a man of level head and level judgment, and with other virtues that make up a good citizen. Others were equally emphatic, and mentioned the contrast between the good behavior and thrift of our brother in black as regards present and past.

Still another fact, of less importance, was mentioned. Before the passage of the prohibition law it was no unusual occurrence for those living on public highways to be aroused from their slumbers at dead of night by the hurrying feet of horses, urged to full speed by yells and curses of riders, made frantic by potations obtained at neighboring dram-shops. Now order prevails, where heretofore riot run mad was the prevailing custom. So far all is on the side of temperance.

But there is a dark fringe to the silvery cloud, a blot on the fair features of the reform. It is said that there are those at our capital who are so depraved and godless, so regardless of their oath, who, seduced by the accursed thirst for gold, so forget their obligation to their fellow man and allegiance to their God as to risk all for the sake of money, forgetting, in the mad rush for wealth, that God is greater than gold, and denounces with fearful woe all who put the bottle to their neighbor's lips to make him drunk. These, with a few jug-men, constitute the few deluded whisky men of our good county. The good cause is safe in the hands of a virtuous, sober and law-abiding citizenship, and he who makes the effort to return to the old order of things

will be justly denounced as an enemy to his race and unworthy the respect and confidence of all good citizens. Take all things in the estimate, there is much to rejoice over. Our taxes have been diminished; the financial condition of our people is in a healthy condition; morals are vastly improved: the earnings of the laboring people have been expended for the benefit of their families to a greater extent than ever before, and all may be summed up in one sentence: Much good has been done.

A. Hill, Ch'n.

Report of committee on State Missions was read and adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

So far as your committee has been able to ascertain, the contributions from the churches to the State Board are not as ample as they ought to be. Your committee believes there remains much gospel destitution in the bounds or our own great State—fields that ought to be occupied by Baptist ministers. We have the preachers, and they are willing to go and possess the field. Still the destitution remains. Why so? We are informed that there is not money enough contributed to the State Board to sustain ministers in those fields, and if such destitutions are supplied at all, it must be done by the association in whose bounds the destitution exists. Hence, a very prolific source, from which springs strong indisposition, upon the part of the people and churches to contribute to the State Board.

Your committee is of the opinion that another source from which much destitution comes is the way in which much of the money belonging to the State Board is expended. Not that your committee calls in question the wisdom or prudence of our Corresponding Secretary, Bro. Crumpton. We think the churches are willing to do their duty, but they need light on this line. Your committee would rejoice to know that our State Board was amply furnished with money to supply all needy churches and occupy all the fields of destitution in our State, but how to get the money, in a way most pleasing to God, is a question on which we all need light. Your committee asks this body in the spirit of the Master to discuss these questions and give the people more light. All of which is respectfully submitted.

John H. Cogdell, Ch'n.

Report of committee on Home Missions was read and adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

"All the world" into which the Lord Jesus sent his missionaries, is designed to be reached by our churches through the four following agencies: First, the Executive Committee of the Association; second, the State Mission Board; third, the Home Mission Board; fourth, the Foreign Mission Board. The field of each of these agencies is sufficiently indicated by its name, unless it be that of the home board, which is itself plain enough if we remember that this board is the child of the Southern Baptist Convention, whose home is the Southern States and Territories, and whose Home Board is intended to conduct the mission work within the bounds of the Convention. Any deviation from this, as in the case of Cuba, is an irregularity.

The field, then, of the Home Board is that of the old Confederacy, or as some please to call it, the New South, the land of our devotion and sacrifice, our home. As such we love the field, and assuredly we love the board that for forty-five years has been striving to extend throughout its bounds the knowledge of the Redeemer.

Heretofore, whenever this land has been assailed, or threatened with evil of a political or social nature, the Southern people, and among the foremost, Southern Baptists, have rushed to the rescue. Manifold evils, the offspring of the hydra, sin, now assail it; prominent among which are Romanism, intemperance, socialism, idolatry in the form of covetousness, and all the natural attendants of rapid growth by immigration and development. While the churches, each in its own locality, may be striving to meet this monster with the gospel, there are many places and many forms of evil which the churches in their individual capacity cannot reach. Hence we

have associations and conventions and a Home Mission Board. The existence, then, of this board is not a matter of policy, but of urgent necessity, and its support not a matter of choice, but of supreme duty. A sufficient motive to the discharge of this duty ought to be the command of Christ, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." As the case stands, this motive is reinforced by the consideration that, if we and our children shall continue to enjoy civil and religious liberty, Baptists must defend what, under God, they have established. If we will stay the onward progress of the flood of evils above enumerated, the gospel must be preached in the regions beyond the fields of existing churches. But, "How shall they preach except they be sent?"

The Home Board has, during the past year, employed upon this field 350 missionaries, and has paid them about $45,000, which is $130 apiece. An itemized statement of the work done will be found in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Our Home Board, in imitation of the character and conduct of a true missionary church, has not been content with the home field, but has reached over her border into the destitute regions beyond, and never has the blessings of the Master rested more graciously upon his servants and his work than in Cuba, that benighted gem of the Antilles. Upon his servant, Diaz, he has bestowed almost the grace of martyrdom. Here are employed twenty-one missionaries of the board, with such blessed results as only a well pleased and gracious Master can bestow. Your committee would therefore commend to you the work of the Home Board, and recommend that you give it your continued and increased support.

C. CRAWLEY, Ch'n.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Eld. J. O. Hixon will preach at 11 o'clock to-day.

The body adjourned for preaching. Eld. J. O. Hixson preached. Subject—Baptism.

EVENING SESSION.

2 o'clock. After singing, and prayer by Eld. J. M. Loflin, the body proceeded with the regular order of business. The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

State of the Churches and Associational Field—T. M. Hough, J. C. Rotton, W. B. Duke.
State Missions—William O'Neil, J. C. Griggs, James Bates.
Home Missions—J. P. Downing, James Yates, S. J. Townsend.
Foreign Missions—A. F. Dix, M. B. Phillips. E. A. Brooks.
Education—F. E. Tompkins, B. T. Eley, A. Hill.
Religious Literature—C. P. West, J. F. Martin, W. C. Hufham.
Deceased, Aged and Infirm Ministers and their Families—Chas. Crawley, J. E. Jenkins, A. B. Clark.
Sabbath-schools—A. S. Dix, F. O. Bickley, A. C. Davis.
Temperance—J. M. Loflin, W. A. Battle, J. L. Childs.

The roll was called and corrected.

The report of the committee on Education was read and adopted.

EDUCATION.

The subject of education is one of greatest importance. It is gratifying to see the advance that is being made by Baptists all along the line. In 1839 the Judson Institute opened with nine pupils, three of whom were boys. Since then over 700 graduates have gone from her walls to love and do honor to her fair name.

The removal of Howard College to East Lake, though done under high pressure, has proved a benefit to the college, and we look for ever increasingly better days for the Howard.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky.,

deserves vastly more attention than it has ever received at the hands of our Association.

T. M. Gholston, Ch'n.

The committee on Religious Literature not being present, the chairman was ordered to prepare a report and hand it to the Clerk for publication in the minutes.

The report of the committee on Deceased, Aged and Infirm Ministers and their families, was read and adopted.

DECEASED, AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee on Deceased, Aged and Infirm Ministers, and their Families, report: So far as we know or can hear of, we know of none that are destitute or that now requires the attention of this body. We are thankful to our God that he has preserved the lives of our ministers another year. We are often reminded by scene of death around us that, "In the midst of life we are in death." While we have one dear old hero of the cross among us, for whom our prayers are continually offered, and who is ready, waiting and watching to enter the pearly gates of eternal bliss and joy, there are others standing on the banks, whose hoary heads and tottering forms admonish us to prepare for death.

S. J. Townsend, Ch'n.

At the request of the Moderator, Deacon William O'Neil offered special prayer of thanksgiving to God for his blessings in preserving our ministers.

The committee on Nominations reported and the report adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

Your committee recommend that the next session of this body be held with Macedonia church, commencing on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1891; that Eld. J. M. Loflin preach the introductory sermon; that Eld. A. F. Dix preach the doctrinal sermon; and that arrangement for the missionary sermon be made by the committee on Religious Exercises of that body.

We recommend as delegates to the State Convention, Elders J. M. Loflin, J. O. Hixson and A. F. Dix; brethren B. T. Eley, W. C Hufham, C. P. West, F. E. Tompkins, W. A. Battle, J. S. Shirley and William O'Neil. As delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Eld. J. O. Hixson.

S. J. Townsend, Ch'n.

The report of the committee on Sunday-schools was read, and the discussion of the report postponed till 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Of the fourteen churches belonging to this Association, six report Sunday-schools, five no Sunday-schools, and three failed to report. Of the six that report Sunday-schools, four of them, according to the reports, have a total membership of 206. The remaining two failed to report the membership. The condition of one of the Sunday-schools is reported to be very poor—in accord with the spiritual condition of the church.

C. P. West, Ch'n.

There being no report from the Executive Committee, the Moderator made a verbal report.

On motion of J. C. Rotton, it was ordered that the money in the hands of the Treasurer be divided equally between Mt. Pleasant and Ebenezer churches.

The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Auditing committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Having recently lost the key to the safe in which I keep the books and vouchers of the treasurer, I am unable to render an itemized statement of

the receipts and disbursements during the present associational year. As a matter of fact, however, I will say that the receipts from all sources to the several funds since last report, have been appropriated as directed by the Association, leaving now on hand the sum of $49.92, all of which belongs to the associational fund and unappropriated.

B. T. Eley, Treasurer.

On motion of S. J. Townsend, Eld. J. M. Loflin's name was placed on the Executive Commitee instead of Eld. J. H. Foster's, and the same Executive Committee re-appointed, viz: Elders M. N. Eley, C. Crawley, J. M. Loflin; brethren J. F. Martin, T. M. Gholston, F. O. Bickley.

A resolution of thanks was returned as follows:

Resolved, That we tender to this church and community our hearty appreciation of their kindness and unbounded hospitality during the session of this body.

On motion of R. L. Justice, it was ordered that the Clerk be paid ten dollars for his services.

The Moderator requested each church of the Association to state what amount it would try to raise during the next associational year for missionary purposes. They responded as follows:

Aberfoil	$ 5 00	Mt. Carmel	$ 50 00
Ebenezer	10 00	Mt. Zion	25 00
Fairview	10 00	Mt. Pleasant	5 00
Greenwood	50 00	Perote	15 00
Indian Creek	25 00	Sardis	25 00
Liberty	25 00	Siloam	20 00
Macedonia	50 00	Union Springs	200 00
		Midway	25 00
Total			$540 00

On motion, it was ordered that a collection be taken up after the missionary sermon to-morrow; said collection to be applied to missions.

On motion, the Executive Committee was empowered to employ a colporteur within the bounds of this Association, but not to incur any financial liability against the Association.

On motion, the reports of the Finance and Auditing Committees deferred to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

After prayer by Eld. J. C. Crawley, the body adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

Sunday, Sept. 28, 1890.

9 A. M. After singing and prayer by J. P. Downing, the body proceeded to regular order of business.

The reading and correcting of minutes dispensed with, and the Clerk was instructed to correct them.

The Auditing Committe reported, and the report was adopted.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Finance Committee and find the same correct. We also find a written statement from the Treasurer setting forth the amount of funds on hand unappropriated, which we considered correct.

J. W. Raborn, Ch'n.

Correspondents to associations were appointed as follows:

Tuskegee—W. C. Hufham, Eld J. O. Hixson.
Montgomery—Wm. O'Niel, S. J. Townsend.

Eufaula—C. Crawley, M. B. Phillips, J. R. King, Eld. J. O. Hixson.
Salem—Eld. J. M. Loflin, J. C. Rotten, S. J. Townsend, F. J. Carlisle.
Troy—Eld. C. Crawley, Wm. O'Niel, H. W. Griggs, M. B. Phillips, Eld. J. M. Loflin, J. C. Rotton, F. J. Carlisle.
Harris—Eld. J. M. Loflin, Eld. C. Crawley, J. W. Raborn, J. C. Rotton, T. M. Hough.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that Eld. J. M. Loflin will preach to the colored people to day at 11 a. m.

The Finance Committee reported, and the report was adopted.

On motion of Eld. J. M. Loflin, a committee was appointed to memorialize the next legislature of this State in the interest of temperance. Committee—Eld. J. M. Loflin, Eld. J. O. Hixson, Eld. A. F. Dix, Wm. O'Niel, A. Hill, S. J. Townsend, B. T. Eley.

On motion of Wm. O'Niel, a committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions in regard to the death of Deacon W. W. Evans. Committee—A. Hill, W. C. Hufham, T. M. Gholston. On motion, the Moderator was appointed to above committee.

The body adjourned.

J. O. HIXSON, Moderator.

F. E. Tompkins, Clerk.

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10. A. M. Sunday-school mass meeting, presided over by Eld. J. M. Loflin. Addresses by C. P. West and Rev. Browning, a Presbyterian minister and colporteur.

The report on Sunday-schools was adopted.

11 A. M. Missionary sermon by Eld. A. F. Dix.

MEMORIAL OF DR. W. W. EVANS.

Your committee, appointed to draft some resolutions relative to our deceased brother, Dr. W. W. Evans, submit the following:

Whereas, Dr. Evans was a member of this Association from its organization to the day of his death; and,

Whereas, He was long and well known among us; therefore,

Resolved, That we speak confidently when we say that he was one of our purest and best members, honest in purpose, loyal in spirit, and frank in his speech to an extent that often provoked the opposition of others who were less conscientious in opposing wrong, and more politic and less outspoken in the advocacy of right.

Resolved, 2. That we truly believe that Dr. Evans was uncompromisingly honest and truthful, never favoring that which he deemed wrong, and never opposing that which he believed to be right; that he was one of the few men of this politic age so Pauline in spirit that his devotion to his Master was stronger than his friendship for men, or his love of self and personal interest; and that, in the noble spirit of a grand martyr, he would have accepted death rather than enjoy the rewards of a cowardly traitor.

Resolved, 3. That we tender his dear family our sympathy and love: that these resolutions be published in our minutes; and that our clerk request the editors to publish them in the Alabama Baptist.

J. O. Hixson, Ch'n.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION.

J. O. Hixson	Union Springs, Ala.
J. H. Foster	" " "
M. N. Eley	" " "
J. M. Loflin	Post Oak, "
A. F. Dix	Pine Grove, "
W. A. Whipple	Inverness, "

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—Name—This body shall be known as the CENTENNIAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2.—Purpose—Its purpose shall be: 1st. The development of the church in constituting the body and the building up of the cause of the Master within its bounds. 2d. The furtherance of the objects aimed at in the organization of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

ART. 3.—Membership—The membership of this Association shall consist of delegates, as follows:

1. Each church five delegates, and one additional for every twenty-five or fraction of twenty-five over one hundred members.
2. All pastors of churches represented.
3. All ordained ministers, members of churches represented.

ART. 4.—Advisory—We hereby deny the right of this or any other body to interfere with the government of any church, claiming for ourselves only the right to advise churches in regard to our common interests.

ART. V.—Officers—At each annual session the Association shall elect from their body, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall hold their respective offices until their successors are chosen.

Majority—In making choice of these officers a majority of the votes present shall be necessary to an election.

Highest Two—Should no individual voted for receive a majority on the first ballot, a choice shall be made from the two having the highest number of votes.

ART. 6.—Moderator—The Moderator shall preside over the body; shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise directed; decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the body and discharge such duties and be invested with such authority and privileges as belong appropriately to his office, according to Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

ART. 7.—Clerk—The Clerk shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the Association, procure the printing and the distribution of the minutes,

ART. 8.—Treasurer—The Treasurer shall take charge of the moneys and property of the Association, and report in writing at each annual session of the body the state of the finances, his receipts and disbursements during the Associational year just closed, exhibiting his vouchers for the same, and at the expiration of his term of office deliver to his successor the unexpended funds and property belonging to the Association.

ART. 9.—Standing Committees—There shall be standing committees, who shall report in writing at the next meeting after appointment, on the following subjects, viz:

1. On the State of the Churches and the Associational Field.
2. On State Missions.
3. On Home Missions.
4. On Foreign Missions.
5. On Education.
6. On Religious Literature.
7. On Deceased, Aged and Infirm Ministers and their families.

ART. 10.—Application for Membership—Churches applying for membership in this body on presentation of letter and delegates elected according to this Constitution, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received, the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship.

ART. 11.—Letter—Each church represented in this body is expected to send annually a letter setting forth the general state of its religious life, and as minute statistics of its work as possible.

ART. 12.—Executive Committee—The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association, together with six brethren elected annually by the body, shall constitute an Executive Committee (five of whom shall constitute a quorum), authorized to fill vacancies occurring in their body, and to transact any business of the Association during the recess thereof.

ART. 13.—Minutes—The minutes of the Association, at each session, shall be read and approved, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association finally adjourn.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION.—1890.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes and Undesignated.	Value of Chapel and Parsonage.
Aberfoil	$	$	$	$	$ 1 50	$ 10 00	$ 300 00
Ebenezer	.....	.. ....	1 50	.....	1 00	.....	2 0 00
Fairview	.....	5 00	.....	.....	50	9 15	400 00
Greenwood	1 50	20 00	10 00	.....	1 50	2 50	500 00
Indian Creek	....	3 35	..	.....	1 30	12 00	600 00
Liberty	.....	.....	6 55	.....	1 50	12 25	600 00
Macedonia	3 30	3 23	14 55	.....	1 50	26 45	800 00
Midway	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	9 00	600 00
Mt. Carmel	.....	.....	1 50	.....	2 00	28 00	1000 00
Mt. Pleasant	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00
Mt. Zion	.....	.....	10 00	.....	1 50	15 00	400 00
Perote	.....	17 16	6 50	.....	1 00	.....	500 00
Sardis	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	19 50	500 00
Siloam	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	17 00	500 00
Union Springs	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	187 52	3750 00
Sunday collection	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 95	7 90	.....
Total	$ 4 73	$48 74	$50 60	$50 00	$22 25	$ 356 27	$11,100 00

Name of Moderator: J. O. Hixson; postoffice, Union Springs. Name of Clerk: F. E, Tompkins; postoffice, Fitzpatrick's. Session of 1890, held with Mt. Pleasant church. Pike county, on 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th of September.

STATISTICS OF CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION, 1890

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST-OFFICE.	No. Ordained Ministers.	No. Licensed Ministers.	Membership last Reported.	Incr's'd by			Decr'd by			Present Membership.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.						
Aberfoil	Bullock	J. M. Loflin	F. O. Bickley	Union Springs	.....	.....	40	...	..	..	..	1	1	38	.....	....	4	..	...
Ebenezer	Macon	J. O. Hixon	I. M F. Parker	Dick's Creek	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	2	....	..
Fairview	Bullock	J. M. Loflin	Daniel Dix	Pine Grove	1	....	53	1	..	..	4	..	..	50	....	....	3	1	..
Greenwood	Bullock	J. S. Yarbrough	W. C. Hufham	Fitzpatrick's	...	....	37	..	3	...	3	..	1	36	....	....	4	1	..
Indian Creek	Bullock	O. M. Sutton	G A. Norris	Perote	....	....	68	..	1	..	3	...	.	66	....	....	2	.....	..
Liberty	Bullock	W. A. Whipple	T. M Hough	Post-Oak	.....	.....	58	3	3	..	6	...	..	58	5	....	4	.....	..
Macedonia	Bullock	J. M. Loflin	D. A. Caylon	Bug Hall	1	1	61	..	8	..	3	...	2	64	4	36	1	1	1
Midway	Montgomery	J. S. Yarbrough	W. L. O'Niel	Shopton	....	.....	52	4	2	...	5	1	3	49	....	...	2	....	1
Mt. Carmel	Bullock	J. O. Hixon	James Jones	Hector	.....	....	58	1	5	.	2	...	2	60	...	....	3	.....	..
Mt. Pleasant	Pike	J. M. Loflin	J. S. Shirley	Linwood	...	.....	15	..	...	..	..	..	..	15	.....	35	.....	....	..
Mt. Zion	Bullock	W. A. Whipple	James Bates	Post Oak	1	.....	103	12	...	1	...	7	..	109	....	....	3	1	1
Perote	Bullock	W. A. Whipple	J. S. Harp	Perote	....	.....	38	..	1	..	3	..	1	35	....	....	2	.....	..
Sardis	Bullock	J. O. Hixon	J. F. Martin	Union Springs	.....	....	21	.	3	..	..	..	1	23	....	....	1	....	..
Siloam	Pike	J. P. Nall	J. S. Townsend	China Grove.	.....	.....	68	.	..	..	6	..	..	62	2	25	3	.....	..
Union Springs	Bullock	J. H. Foster	C. P. West	Union Springs	3	....	247	2	..	..	.	.	..	249	16	110	1,23,4	....	...
					6	1	919	23	26	1	35	9	11	914	27	266		4	3

Sunday-school Superintendents and their Post-office.—Liberty church, W A. Powell; post-office, Post-Oak. Macedonia, J. A. Metcalf; post-office, Mt. Hilliard. Siloam, T. L. Head; post-office, China Grove. Union Springs, B. T. Eley; post-office, Union Springs.

†Reports Sunday-school.

Name of church received from other Associations.—Ebenezer, from Tuskegee Association.

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